GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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Supply of Special Grade Steel
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India (SAIL) proposes to develop special grade steel for production of certain defence equipments in the country in collaboration with the Department of Naval Design and DRDO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the imported steel of similar grade is costlier and rarer to obtain; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the advantages of special grade steel manufactured by SAIL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a)&(b): SAIL has developed a variety of high strength steels for Indian Defence sector. Presently SAIL is taking technical assistance from various Defence organisations like Defence Research and Development Organisation, Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory etc. for developing such grades of Steel for defence forces.

(c)&(d): The information of this nature is generally commercially sensitive. However, the development and commercial production of these grades of Steel by SAIL is resulting in import substitution and substantial savings of foreign exchange.

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